

1 IN THE SPECIFICATION

2 Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 9 with the following amended
3 paragraph:

4 --In one embodiment, the slot machine is a single payline machine, where only symbols
5 across payline 34 (Figs. 1 and 3) are used for determining a winning combination. In another type
6 of machine, there are three paylines 34, 35, and 36 (Figs. 1 and 3). In such a device, each coin
7 activates a corresponding payline so that a 3-coin play will activate all three paylines ~~[[35-36]]~~
8 34-36 as well as activate all the jackpots. In another embodiment, a three coin play activates the
9 three paylines 34-36 and jackpot 1. An additional three coins doubles the awards as well as
10 enables the winning of jackpot 2. An additional three coins triples the base awards and enables
11 the winning of jackpot 3.--

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13 Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 26 with the following amended
14 paragraph:

15 --The technique described with [respects] respect to Figs. 1-3 may apply to either a single
16 slot machine or a group of linked slot machines. Fig. 4 illustrates a slot machine 39 connected in
17 a group of linked gaming machines, each machine having five possible ways of winning across
18 horizontal and diagonal paylines 40.--

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20 Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 11 with the following amended
21 paragraph:

22 --This concept may be applied to a [9-line] 9-payline slot machine (Fig. 5), having a
23 display 45. Such a machine is described in U.S. Patent No. 5,807,172, incorporated herein by

1 reference. With a 9- payline machine, each additional set of nine coins allows the player to win
2 another progressive jackpot as well as multiply the standard awards. In Fig. 5, the activated
3 paylines 48 are illuminated.--